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- 1. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT NEITHER IWC EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICERS, JAMES V. PARKER NOR GEORGE H. THIGPEN IS ACCREDITED TO SUBJECT MEETINGS. WE NOTE THAT PARA 2 OF BOTH REFTELS WOULD PRECLUDE THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THESE IMPORTANT MEETINGS.
- 2. CONCERNING THE IWC MEETING, PARKER HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE WORK WITH THE IWC IN THE ON-GOING SERIES OF MEETINGS IN LONDON AT LOWER THAN THE COUNCIL LEVEL. HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, THEREFORE, IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. HIS INCLUSION AS A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE HIM THE STATUS HE NEEDS AS U.S. REP AFTER THE WASHINGTON DELEGATION HAS DEPARTED.
- 3. THIGPEN HAS BEEN REGULARLY INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS CONCERNING THE COUNCIL. IN THE PAST HE HAS BEEN ACCREDITED ON FOOD AID COMMITTEE UNCLASSIFIED

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